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Appln. No. : 09/832,873) Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed : April 12, 2001) Examiner: M. Alvo
For : PROCESS FOR DISPERSING A FIBROUS PAPER STOCK AND
DEVICE FOR PERFORMING THE PROCESS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

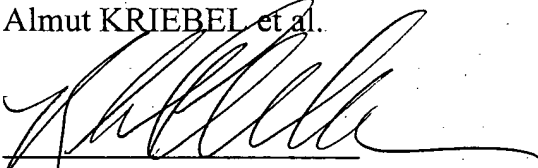
Applicants submit herewith a copy of a Canadian Office Action dated February 6, 2004 conducted in Canadian Application No. 2,344,103, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. While the documents cited by the Canadian Examiner have previously been cited in the instant application, the Canadian Office Action is being submitted herewith to provide the Canadian Examiner's reasoning in citing these documents.

As copies of the cited documents were provided to the Examiner in previous Information Disclosure Statements, no copies of these documents are submitted herewith. Further, as no new documents are being submitted for consideration by Examiner, Applicants

submit that no fee is necessary in considering this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the Office Action issued from a foreign patent office fewer than three months from the date of this submission.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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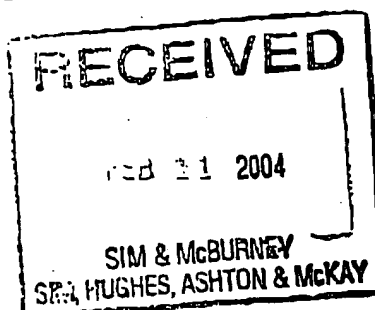
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Application No. : **2,344,103**
Owner : **VOITH PAPER PATENT GMBH**
Title : **PROCESS FOR DISPERSING A FIBROUS PAPER STOCK AND
DEVICE FOR PERFORMING THE PROCESS**
Classification : **D21D-1/00**
Your File No. : **9116-97 MIS**
Examiner : **J. Zhu**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE *PATENT ACT*, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 28.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

References Applied:

United States Patent

5176793

Jan. 5, 1993

US Cl. 162/4

Kurtz

United Kingdom Patent

241053

Oct. 15, 1925

Fritz

Kurtz discloses a dispersing system for treating a wood-fiber pulp. the dispersing system comprising a pulp shredder, means for introducing steam to the pulp shredder, and a dispenser for finely-dividing the wood-fiber pulp.

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Fritz teaches a machine for hydrating beating and refining paper-making materials.

Claims 1-3, 5-15 and 17-27 do not comply with Section 28.3 of the *Patent Act*. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to Kurtz in view of Fritz. The claims differ from Kurtz in that the claimed distribution device comprises a plurality of radical extending mallets and a plurality of impact sections. However, Fritz teaches a machine for hydrating beating and refining paper-making materials, the machine comprising a plurality of mallets and impact sections (19, 20). Thus, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to incorporate the mallets and the impact sections of Fritz with system of Kurtz.

The first paragraph of the description should be removed because it is not related to Canadian patent law. Further, a statement found on page 1 in the description, which incorporates by reference any other document, does not comply with Subsection 81(1) of the Patent Rules.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under Subsection 30(2) of the Patent Rules, to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

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